

Remarks

This is supplemental to the supplemental amendments of March, 8, 1999, January 11, 1999, November 4, 1998, and the response, mailed August 14, 1998, to the Office Action dated February 18, 1998 in the above referenced application. No extension of time is believed to be required for this paper, but should any such extension be required the Commissioner is requested to consider this a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 01-0483.

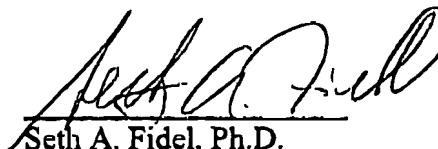
Claims 1-12, 18-23, and 25-26 were pending in this application. New independent claim 27 is being added by this amendment.

When this amendment is entered, there will be three independent claims and 21 total claims pending in this application. A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was filed in this application on October 24, 1995. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$9.00 fee for a small entity for 1 claim in excess of twenty to Deposit Account No. 01-0483.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendment and (re)consideration and allowance of claims 1-12, 18-23 and 25-27.

Respectfully submitted,



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